

WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, March 19, 2008

PLACE: Lower Level Conference Room

PRESENT:	Dave Buck	Dave Downey
	Eric Burns	Boudewijn van Gelder
	David Christian	Kumares Sinha
	Carrie Ehresman	

VISITORS:	Beth Cook	Jeromy Grenard
	Wendy Field	Karen O'Farrell

Chairman Sinha called the meeting to order, and determined there was not a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

07-17 Champion's Centre

Mr. Buck stated that the Final Detailed Plans have been submitted to the Area Plan Commission. Once recorded, the developers may file for their building permit. INDOT is comfortable with 11' travel lanes, center islands and the curbs as proposed along Northwestern. INDOT is not in support of a speed reduction at this time. Mr. Buck stated that once the westside of Northwestern is urbanized, INDOT may revisit a speed reduction for this section of Northwestern.

07-04 Purdue Transportation Plan

Mr. Buck stated that BFS has completed the Phase I survey, and is working on the grade review plans. Phase I includes improvements to the south leg; Williams Street, a small section of Chauncey and Grant, and all of Harrison. There are challenges on Williams Street, and BFS is re-working the plans to attempt an 8.5%-8.7% grade.

08-02 City Bus Stops along North River Road

Mrs. Ehresman asked if there was any progress to getting the bus stops relocated along North River Road in front of Williamsburg Apartments. Mr. Buck stated that the difficulty in making a change in the bus stop location is that City Bus would need a "staging" spot on the south side of Williamsburg. Their current staging spot is at Catherwood and SR 443. Mr. Buck also stated that because North River Road is a state highway, we have little jurisdiction over changes to this road. Mrs. Ehresman suggested Mr. Sennett at City Bus would be a good contact.

07-03 Wabash Commons

Mr. Buck stated that the developers of Wabash Commons are continuing to work to get their access permit with INDOT. The access issues under discussion are the existing right-in, right-out driveway on US 52 and INDOT's request to have a dedicated right turn lane. INDOT has a concern that vehicles will "stack" on Sagamore.

NEW BUSINESS:

08-05 Pedestrian Crossing at Northwestern and Columbia

Mr. Buck stated that he had received an e-mail from a citizen who inquired about pedestrians crossing Northwestern at Columbia. She stated that she is unable to cross Northwestern fast enough to beat the vehicles which are traveling southbound. Chairman Sinha reminded the commission that a pedestrian was hit last year on Columbia, in this same area. Chairman Sinha stated that we need to look at this intersection. Purdue has also requested that we take a look at a similar crossing at Grant and North streets. Mr. Buck will get speed and accident history for these two locations and will come to the commission in April for ideas and discussion.

08-06 Proposed Changes to City Code Sections 41.09 & 41.10

City Attorney, Eric Burns, brought to the commission a suggestion to take a look at the city codes that govern the administration of the Traffic Commission, specifically the mix of voting representatives. Mr. Burns suggested the commission may want to consider replacing "city" voting slots with "citizen" representatives. City officials would still attend meetings, but they would no longer be voting members. This change would allow for more citizen representation on the commission.

Mr. Burns asked that this item be discussed at April's meeting. Chairman Sinha requested that the sections of city code that relate to the Traffic Commission be forwarded to commission members so this item can be discussed at the next meeting. The change would ultimately have to be approved by City Council.

NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Buck". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "D" and "B".

David M. Buck, P.E.
City Engineer

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